

Recycling Public Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Location: Brandywine Hundred Library, 1300 Foulk Road, Wilmington, DE

Members Present: BJ Vinton, Chairman (CSWSC)
Paul Bickhart (Recycling Express of Delaware)
Pat Canzano (DSWA)
Dick Cecil (Del. Association of Counties)
Marjorie Crofts (DNREC)
George Danneman (Soda Beverage Industry)
Kelly Davis (Educator, DelTech-Owens Campus)
Dick Fleming (Delaware Nature Society)
Michael Fusca (Alcohol Beverage Industry)
Tom Houska (Waste Management, Inc.)
Basil Kollias (DE Chamber of Commerce)
Wally Kremer (DeEASI)
Carrie Leishman (Restaurant Industry)
Kyle Sonnenberg (DE League of Local Governments)
Pat Todd (League of Women Voters)

Members Absent: Julie Miro Wenger (Delaware Food Industry Council)

Non-Members Present:	Jim Short (DNREC)	Bob Barrish (Citizen)
	Bill Miller (DNREC)	Mike Parkowski (DSWA)
	Shannon Splittorff (DNREC)	Paul Sample (Samples, Inc.)
	Harry Monck (DeEASI)	Nancy Marker (DNREC)
	Rich Goldberg (All Star Shredding)	Jim Roedersheimer (Citizen)
	Bruce Georgov (IDS-WI)	Gary Simon (Citizen)
	Chris Reith (HBA)	Raphael Mordo (Evergreen WS)
	Linda Powell (Palmatary's Sanitation)	Joe Maier (Econo Haul)
	Bob Ziegler (Allied Waste – RSG)	Andrew Dinsmore (Sen. Coons)
	Stan Mills (Rehoboth Beach)	Don Long (DNREC)

BJ Vinton called the meeting to order at approximately 1:35 P.M. He welcomed everyone and asked for each person to introduce themselves.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of February 23, 2011

Kyle S. asked that he be shown to represent the Delaware League of Local Governments and that he abstained from the grant vote. Paul B. corrected the date to 2011. Jim S. revised the wording of a statement in Old/New Business. The minutes of the February 23, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved with said changes.

House Bill 29 Update

Pat T. said the bill has not come up before a committee hearing and currently is not scheduled for such.

Recycling Industry Reporting Requirements

Jim S. has proposed language from DSM Environmental for the subcommittee who plan to meet in the near future.

Universal Recycling Grant and Loan Program Update

Shannon S. said the Department is currently drafting the scope of services for the contracts. We are working on getting those out.

Outreach and Education

Bill M. announced that the Department has kicked off a set of recycling informational workshops across the state. DNREC has also worked with the DSWA to quickly develop a radio ad to inform citizens about Universal Recycling before the end of the month. DSWA realized the need for a generic message about Universal Recycling and funded the ads which should air on many different stations for the next two weeks. Pat C. added that DSWA felt this blanket approach was also better than signs at the drop-off sites. Marj C. announced that Jim S. and Mike P. had recorded a program to air on Delaware Radio Magazine, a Sunday morning radio show. Jim S. shared that DNREC has taken hundreds of phone calls in the last couple weeks, which is a significant workload, but the one-on-one aspect is making a difference. In response to BJ's question, he said based on calls, Waste Management and IDS are rolling out their programs right now and others are yet to come. Dick F. suggested DNREC share a FAQ page to members of other organizations to help inform others. Bill M. requested anyone contact him with questions or ideas for outreach.

Recycling Industry Market Update

Paul B. said there was very little change from last month, but prices are fairly high. Recent mill prices are about \$165/ton for cardboard, \$230/ton for office paper, and \$105 for newsprint. Mike P. also stated that markets are unchanged, with single-stream prices around \$25/ton.

Old /New Business

BJ reminded folks that the electronic waste collection bins will be removed from unsecure locations on April 1. The secure locations will remain and there will be added events for electronic waste collection. Pat T. asked the beverage folks what is happening with beverage issues. Mike F. said there were no issues. Bill M. said it hasn't been an issue with DNREC contacts. Dick F. suggested BJ look at who serves on subcommittees with terms ending this year. Bob B. asked for an updated list of who has accepted grants. Shannon said the Department will share that information when those entities have signed contracts.

Future Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 27, 2011 at the DNREC Lewes Facility, 901 Pilottown Road in Lewes.

The meeting was adjourned around 3:00 P.M.